IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 in the underlying PCT application, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (New) An operating device for an electrical device, comprising:

a spherical operating element mounted for rotation about at least one axis; and

an arrangement configured to influence torque for rotating the spherical operating element about the at least one axis.

- 12. (New) The operating device according to claim 11, wherein the arrangement includes at least one plunger that is pressed against the spherical operating element with a predefinable force.
- 13. (New) The operating device according to claim 11, wherein the arrangement includes at least one actuator which, in response to a motion of the spherical operating element, generates a predefinable torque that counteracts the motion of the spherical operating element.
- 14. (New) The operating device according to claim 13, wherein the at least one actuator includes an electromotor having a corresponding activation circuit and having a shaft, and a roll frictionally engaged with the spherical operating element, the roll being situated on the shaft of the electromotor.
- 15. (New) The operating element according to claim 11, wherein the arrangement blocks a rotation of the spherical operating element about at least one of the at least one axis by increasing the torque needed for rotating the spherical operating element.

